

75 ARE DEAD
IN FLOOD FROM
A BROKEN DAM

Avalanche of Waters Swept Through Seven Towns in Pennsylvania, Leaving Death and Desolation to Mark Its Course Through Valley.

WATERSPOUT PRECEDED
THE GREAT CATASTROPHE.

Extraordinary Fall of Water Filled Lake, Which Dam Held Back, So Full Its Great Wall Was Crushed Like an Eggshell.

JEANNETTE, Pa., July 6.—Dawn broke today on a scene of desolation and ruin along the Brush Creek valley.

From the site of the break in the dam at Oakford to Wilmot yesterday afternoon, taking in the towns of Jeannette, Penn, Larimer, Greensburg, Irwin, Burrell, and Manor, the awful power of the rushing waters is apparent on all sides.

The damage to the property will not be less than \$100,000, while the number of lives actually blown out is still uncertain, the estimates running all the way from 50 to 150. It is probably about 50 twenty-five bodies have been recovered.

Almost with the first streak of daylight, a bureau was opened here, where the names of the identified dead recovered and the missing were registered, together with a description of the bodies recovered but not identified.

The people are still too excited to talk of the flood and it is with difficulty that a complete death and injured list can be compiled.

All the residents say that more bodies went down in the flood, but the rumors are so numerous that they cannot all be run down.

Rescuers Give
Lives for Others.

Several persons are reported as missing from their homes along the stream and many anxious parents, almost frantic with fear, traversed the streets all night searching for their lost children.

Stories of their miseries are heard on all sides and many acts of bravery are reported, the heroes being persons who risked their lives to save others. One man whose name could not be learned was seen by several persons to make a hard effort to rescue a woman, presumably his wife, shortly after the flood hit the waiting room. The man was in an apparently safe position among some saplings. In his struggles to get to the woman he lost his hold and both were swept away with the torrent and probably lost.

The Breaking
of the Dam.

The break of the dam was preceded by a waterspout.

The waters in the lake north of Oakford Park began to swell, and Manager James McGrath, believing there was danger of a general break, in the great wall of the dam hurried along the crowds of pleasure seekers, who had gathered under the roof eating sandwich, the dancing pavilion and other buildings in line of the water should the break come, and warning them to places of safety.

A few minutes later the wall of the dam had given way and the water rushed through it with a deafening roar.

The breach rapidly widened and the gash as it descended into the valley grew as it descended into the valley.

Most of the houses were washed away by the waters on the streets and in the public driveways. Many houses were washed away, and the number of persons drowned in them were small.

The number of dead will not be known definitely for several days.

WATER IS FIVE FEET DEEP

IN STREETS OF TEXAS TOWN.

GONZALEZ, Tex., July 6.—There has been a cloudburst at Leesville which put five feet of water in the streets in an hour. Many houses were wrecked. Bill Brown, a prisoner, was drowned.

The water was up to the rooftops. It is going up a foot and a half an hour. All of the lower bottom farms for ten miles around are inundated.

MERCURY IS GETTING HIGHER

The Coolness of Sunday Is Not to Last,

According to the Weather Bu-

reau Forecast.

There will be hot times in St. Louis Monday night and Tuesday for the mercury. The variation of physical comfort and misery is climbing up the government tube in the weather office.

Mr. Mercury did not rise very high in world or the thermometer Sunday, for he

was kept down to the 84 mark. At 11 o'clock Monday he had broken loose and gone up to 85.

Forecaster Bowles is laying in a supply of parasols in the expectation that the silver column will go as high

as 86.

"Fair and continued warm Monday night and Tuesday" is the mild way the official forecast reads.

It has not been warm in the lower Lake region and the upper Ohio valley. The people of those regions have been deluged with rain, as have also the people of Montana, Oregon and Washington. There have also been rains along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

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ANY COURT CASES THE DAY AFTER

Judge Tracy Faced a Big Docket and
Wore Array of Dising-
usted Patriots.

and soda water the day after,"
Judge Daniel O'Connell Tracy
told Police Court as he ran his
docket of 176 cases Monday
"And I'm not the only one," he breathed lat-
terly, as he false chord in the at-
mosphere of the law factory at Eleventh
and streets.

Collection of cases was the result
of junctions of Fourth of July with
Saturday and Sunday. The num-
bers was almost double the usual
going over for Monday consid-
erations.

Thing to be thankful for in the
court authorities, was that
and Washington's birthday
had come on the same oc-
casion.

It was crowded to the doors
it was called, and the docket
a Judge beamed benignly over
it, noting with concern a num-
ber in silks, discolored faces
and features.

say it right out, but he made
promise with his conscience to
with aggregation as circum-
stances possibly permit, because, it
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sum of nowhere in particular
to be called. It was testified
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door with bricks. He had no
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examined he admitted that he
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lings, and the good humor
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and him a trifle more than he
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"of monarchs and
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together. Person who
sat at the bar of justice,
fore, not surprised when he
is fortunate that his prede-
cessor's testimony, he is
of it and reader, and was
red because he failed to read his
judge's features.

He said that he agreed in com-
Herman Schoenberg on the
July.

said the reason for the fight,
that Schoenberg was attached
in trying to dispose of the
complaint and partly
the design when Schoen-
berg gave out.

stated Schoenberg there-
to the table at which he
gave. He had no sooner done this
unlimbered his artillery and
fired a broadside on the
face of Schoenberg.

"Did you do that?" asked

"In his face that he was getting
k to me to buy him a drink,"
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to be checked and im-
a Peterson.

most pathetic case was ever
first district court was un-
the tangled skein of the dock-
acted from witness John
P. St. John, who said he
15 cents between them. Their
was a fight and all they had to offset the
clamor.

ready, and only some one
a small liquid fountain can
they agreed to shoot dice
would go and "chase that elu-
as on the floor, the 15 cents
ewise, and the "bones" were

Swartz lost and gathered up
out to depart when it comes
and took the check, the
the man. The men took the
say we are charged with
Tracy thought the circum-
strongly in favor of it, and
both.

POCKETS ARRESTED

George Greeley Was on the
They Tried to Rob
L. M. Spencer.

or George and Sgt. Od-
erinal district. Sunday night
obbery of H. M. Spencer, an
offices in the Gay build-
the arrest of two pick-
the police received reports
of the jostling robberies
returning from Normandy
on the rear platform of a
when two men jostled him
his watch and pocket.

the men and raised the
tate.

was on the rear plat-
the two men when
Spencer's grasp. The can-
ment and Greeley pulled
car.

D STOLE BABY

Kushn Has Warrant Is-
charging Abduction of
14-Months-Old Child.

Acting Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Wednesday morning issued a war-
t against Carl F. Kushn of 327 Easton
ave, charging him with abducting his
month-old son from his wife, Mrs. Don-
Kushn.

According to Mrs. Kushn, who is now su-
perior, for diversion, and Sgt. Od-
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Personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., W. C. STEIGERS, Business Manager of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who deposes and says that the regular editions of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for the last four months (January, February, March and April, 1903), after deducting all copies returned by newsboys and copies left over, spoiled in printing and unaccounted for, average, Daily and Sunday, 123,556.

Sunday Only . . . 203,886

In the city of St. Louis and suburbs, the daily distribution average for the months of January, February, March and April, was 26,772.

(Signed) W. C. STEIGERS.

Business Manager.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21st day of May, 1903.

(Signed) HARRY M. DUHRING.

My term expires Aug. 14, 1905.

The Folk gubernatorial boom is experiencing growing weather.

As our own door is shut why should we trouble ourselves about the open door in China?

Uncle Joe Cannon is shooting at Wall street when he says there must be no "rubber currency."

Count Boni de Castellane is still having trouble with his debts. There is a limit even to American money.

The World's Fair peace monument will cost so much less than a battleship as to make a comparison ridiculous.

Did Secretary of State Cook really see that the boodle job of preventing the reduction of Speed's official fees was accomplished?

A SIMPLE PROPOSITION.

The first and most direct benefits of the World's Fair to the railroads centering in St. Louis and controlling the Terminal Association will be greater than to any other single interest if not to all other interests combined.

They will have the first, the surest and the most direct cash returns from all the \$15,000,000 invested in the Fair.

In view of this fact their attitude towards the city and the Fair has the consistent simplicity of the financial genius which first allowed St. Louis to build the Merchants' bridge and then assumed control of it.

"Give us what we demand and we will give you the opportunity for holding a successful Fair, chiefly for our benefit. Otherwise we will not."

This is the Terminal Association's proposition "stripped of unnecessary verbiage."

Ought not Sam Cook to be rewarded for his heroic act of witnessing the "sandbagging" of his friend Speed?

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE CHILD.

Aristides, or maybe it was Themistocles, told the Athenians that the greatest personage in the city was his baby. "For," said he, "I rule you, my wife rules me, and the child rules her."

The logic was convincing and has become proverbial.

The American child runs the Yankee nation. On the Fourth of July we remind us, lest we forget, of his supremacy.

Only on this hypothesis of infantile sovereignty can the awful uproar of that terrible day be accounted for. No person of mature mind loves noise for the sake of noise. Only children—be they 10 years old or 40—delight in insane rumpus.

Truly the child rules us. He is a cunning youngster, however and doesn't "rub it in on us," except on one day in the year, when he makes proclamation of the fact.

A judge may say that a combination is not a monopoly, but the public can judge for itself.

SAVE THE ALAMO.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a society composed of the descendants of the pioneers and heroes of the Long Star state, issue a circular letter, printed in another column, appealing to Texans for help to save the Alamo from desecration and destruction.

The Alamo, described as the Thermopylae of America, a sacred antiquity of Texas, is about to be acquired in the interest of a commercial scheme, and the Daughters desire to save it and convert it into a kind of Hall of Fame, in which shall be inscribed the names of eminent Texans.

Every Texan is asked for \$1 to make up a fund to this end. It is a patriotic movement, a laudable purpose and it is hoped the subscriptions will be prompt and numerous. The fame of the Alamo is world-wide, one of the treasures of American history. Texans should appreciate the sentiment expressed and respond heartily.

Contributions to the machine slush funds must be obtained, even at the cost of bribery to prevent the reduction of official fees and lobbying to promote legislative jobs for rich corporations—that is the Sam Cook theory, which has brought shame and disgrace to the Democratic party of Missouri.

WOMEN AND PROFESSIONAL DIGNITY.

The meeting of the National Association of Teachers in Boston this week raised the question of the rank of the teacher, his grade in the public estimation, as compared with the lawyer, doctor, clergyman, civil engineer, etc.

In 1858, at the Rochester, N. Y., state convention of teachers the same question was raised and discussed: "Why the profession of teaching is not as much respected as that of lawyer, doctor or minister?"

The vast majority of those present were women, but they were not expected to speak. After listening for some hours to what she considered empty talk Susan B. Anthony arose and said: "Mr. President." A hush fell on the assembly. The talk was paralyzing. "What will the lady have?" said the question, replied Miss Anthony, "so unwomanly, but Miss Anthony, this is what she

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long as society says a woman has not brains enough to be a doctor, lawyer or minister, but has plenty to be a teacher; every man of you who condescends to teach, tacitly admits before all Israel and the sun that he has no more brains than a woman!"

Her conclusion was that if women were admitted to other professions the rank of teaching would be raised. And events have justified the faith. The broadening of the scope of woman's powers and the freedom to exercise them has raised her in public esteem as a moral and intellectual force, and the teaching profession has risen in the same measure.

That is the claim, and it seems reasonable. At least it accounts for some of the greater respect paid the teacher. And when men are forced to compete with women, without any loss of dignity, in other professions, the profession of teaching will stand on a level with them.

Motorman Peck of the Jefferson avenue car which collided with the Olive street car Friday, stated that he put on the brake as soon as he saw there was danger of a collision, but that the brake did not hold the car, as it was one of the ordinary handbrakes. In fixing the responsibility for this accident, in which 20 persons were injured, it should not be forgotten that the law to compel the Transit Company to place power brakes on all its cars went into effect Sept. 29, 1902, nearly a year ago; that ever since that time the Post-Dispatch has urged the Board of Public Improvements and the city authorities to enforce the law, and that numerous lives have been sacrificed because the Transit Company has neglected to comply with the law. A number of cars are still without the new brakes, and more maiming and death must ensue until all cars are equipped with them. There should be no delay in this work.

"LEST WE FORGET."

Councilman Isaac W. Morton, who favored the free gift of franchises and city property to the Terminal Railroad Association and refused to consider amendments for compensation or the abolition of the bridge arbitrary, did not always hold these views. In April, 1895, Mr. Morton, representing the Simmons Hardware Co., appeared before the Illinois legislative committee to urge the destruction of the bridge combine and the abolition of the bridge arbitrary. He said that his firm had paid bridge arbitrary charges \$10,000 in 1892, \$9015 in 1893, and \$9080 in 1894. He showed that the bridge arbitrary injured St. Louis by imposing upon the St. Louis merchants and their customers charges which the merchants of Chicago and Kansas City did not have to pay, and added:

"If these goods on which the bridge arbitrary had been charged had been shipped through Kansas City and St. Joe, their charges would have been absorbed in the through rate and the railroads would have received for the services just these amounts less. This is detrimental to the interests of both Illinois and Missouri, as jobbing houses here have a large trade in Illinois and this BRIDGE ARBITRARY COMPELS ST. LOUIS JOBBERS TO GET JUST THAT MUCH MORE FOR GOODS SHIPPED INTO ILLINOIS TERRITORY."

As the Constitution provides that the citizens of each state shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states how can Illinois charge a Missouri hunter \$14 more for a license than is required of an Illinois sportsman? Under this provision of the Constitution a circuit court has just declared unconstitutional the Arkansas law forbidding non-residents of Arkansas to shoot, hunt, fish or trap in the state.

"Duties that are too low should be increased and duties that are too high should be reduced," says the platform adopted at Des Moines on the 1st. So this is now the Iowa idea. Low duties will be increased, but high duties will not be reduced. That is about the way Congress will act upon the idea in its latest form.

Ambassador Tower spoke feelingly of the Harvard casts, but omitted to mention that other great work of art, the statue of Frederick the Great, which was to be set up in Washington.

After all, Austria and Hungary will take part in the World's Fair. It is hard to conceive of any state or country so unprogressive as to neglect the World's Fair opportunity.

The salary of the private secretary of the secretary of war, Merritt O. Chance, has been increased to \$2500. Doubtless this has come more from merit than from chance.

The Egyptian irrigation exhibit in the World's Fair will beat ours, perhaps, but we can show the Egyptians the accounts of our Mississippi overflows in 1844 and 1903.

After Aug. 1 no hogs from the United States will be allowed to land in Great Britain and no more cattle will be admitted from New England. Is that free trade?

The first Iowa idea in the Des Moines platform is the incorporation of the World's Fair. There will scarcely be any objection to that.

The recording of 2416 deeds in June breaks the St. Louis June record. Nearly everything is still running toward increases.

Uncle Mark Hanna will have very little time to serve the Lord if he takes charge of the Roosevelt campaign.

The reasoning that a decline in railroad building is a sign of prosperity is very soothing.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP-SHOTS.

A man is known by the questions he asks.

Hardly any young man is as funny as he thinks himself.

If music will kill mosquitoes, the summer piano girl has a mission.

Considering the number of dogs killed by the trolley cars, the canine surplus is remarkable.

Colonel George be at the World's Fair and see the big Washington cherries he would regret more than ever what he did with his little hatchet.

The automobile is quieter than the street car, cleaner than the horse, and when properly managed, less dangerous than either.

Every time a man eats he has to masticate, assimilate, chymify, chylify and sanguify. No wonder his system is out of order so often.

POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS.

Write nothing but questions and signature. Legal questions not answered. Business addresses not given. No answer printed on any specified date. No bets decided.

OLD READER.—Not only on Sunday, June 14, but every day of the week, people cross the Eads bridge.

The Eads bridge is a paradox. It is the only bridge convicted in Federal court. A Federal prisoner in the Missouri penitentiary had to work.

Cost of Imperialism.

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Truth-Seeking Catholic Answered.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

As a reply to letter in Thursday evening's Post-Dispatch, I submit the following:

There is nothing in the doctrine of socialism that is contrary to the teachings of Christ. In the Catholic Dictionary, it says: "The ethics of socialism and the ethics of Christianity are identical." However, socialism is not a religion but a political question. It is not a scheme, but a scientific philosophy, based on the evolution of society from an economic standpoint. It aims to substitute a co-operative system of industry for the present impractical one of competition. Under co-operation one gains only at the expense of some one else.

Socialism will abolish crime by abolishing the cause.

The Socialist party platform will inform you as to their aims. Socialism is international. It aims being the same in all countries. The establishment of a co-operative commonwealth and brotherhood of all men.

W. W. BAKER.

Garbage Haulers Want Tips.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Will you please publish this letter? Why doesn't the city garbage contractor haul garbage? They are paid for it, as it is notoriously known, at twice the price to citizens than the garbage wagon, after an absence of over three hours, shown in the paper.

Those residents who "tip" the negro drivers alone had their garbage hauled away, and placed the garbage on the curb for them to take it.

One negro said to the other, "We tip in it," looking at the garbage, and then at myself, (meaning no "tip" in it), and laughed at me as they drove away leaving the garbage. Negroes now reported this to Dr. John E. H. Miller, City Engineer, and to the officers on the beat repeatedly to get the garbage removed. Is it not horrible that these negro drivers of the St. Louis Sanitary Co. have such unchallenged authority to the citizens to levy blackmail on them?

PROVISIONS OF BRIDGE ACT WERE AMENDED

As Originally Passed, the Act Forbade Stockholders to Hold Stock in Any Other Bridge, but the Prohibition Was Subsequently Stricken Out.

The act authorizing the construction of the Merchants' Bridge, which it was hoped would give St. Louis relief from the exorbitant tolls on freight crossing the Mississippi river to and from St. Louis, was passed by Congress in February, 1887.

In September, 1888, the act was amended so as to exclude that provision which prevented a stockholder of the Merchants' Bridge from holding stock in any other bridge company.

ORIGINAL ACT.

The section covering this point, as originally passed, read as follows:

Sec. 11.—Whereas, a principal reason for giving authority to build the bridge herein provided for is to make reasonable and tolls for corporations and individuals for passing over the same, the St. Louis Merchants' Bridge Co., or its successors or assigns, shall not agree or consent to the consolidation of this bridge with any other bridge across the Mississippi river, or to a pooling of the earnings of this bridge company on said river, nor shall any person who is or may be a stockholder or director or manager of any other bridge over said river be a stockholder or director or manager of the bridge herein provided for.

Provided, That if this provision of this act shall at any time be violated in any of these particulars, such violation shall, without legal proceeding, at once forfeit the privilege hereby granted, and said bridge shall become the property of the United States, and the secretary of war shall take possession of the same in the name and for the use of the United States.

THE AMENDED ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that section eleven of the act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Mississippi river at St. Louis, Missouri," approved Feb. 3, 1887, be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "Stockholder or" wherever they occur in said section, so as to make said section to read as follows:

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Francis Says It

Is Not Important.

Eminent in the directorate of the Merchants' Bridge Co. at that time was D. R. Francis and Seth W. Cobb, former Congressman from the Twelfth district.

Mr. Francis stated to the Post-Dispatch Monday morning that he did not remember the amendment referred to, but did not view it as an important one. He took the position that anybody has a right to hold stock in as many corporations as he desires.

For example, he said there is no legal restriction to a stockholder of the Mississippi Valley Co. buying stock in another company or vice versa.

"I should say," he concluded, "that the original provision in the bill was an absurdity, and I am quite positive there was no intention of striking out the word stockholder for the purpose of paving the way for a consolidation of the Eads and Merchants' bridges."

Mr. Cobb was seen at his residence, 446 Westminster place. After his attention had been called to the amendment, he said:

"The first I knew of this amendment was contained in a news dispatch from Washington. I did not attach any significance to the change at that time, nor do I now."

"You did not go to Washington, then, or urge any member of Congress to vote for it?"

Has No Effect

on the Bill.

"Most assuredly not. It is my impression that the amendment was sent to Washington by the legal representatives of the Merchants' Bridge Co. and it seems to me to have had no material effect on the main propositions of the bill."

Mr. Cobb, who is a stockholder of the Merchants' Bridge Co., remarked that he would be willing to part with his stock at less than 100 cents on the dollar.

"I have never seen any dividends from the bridge," he said. "I do not expect that one will ever be declared."

When reminded that the official seal of the company on file in the city controller's office showed that for the year 1888, after all operating expenses had been paid, together with the interest on the bonds and taxes, there still remained a surplus of \$15,000, he said:

"There is no doubt, the Merchants' bridge is a more valuable property today than ever."

EADS AND MERCHANTS' BRIDGES OPERATED BY THE SAME OFFICIALS.

The attention of Maj. Thomas L. Casey, who is conducting the government's investigation of the Terminal bridge monopoly, has been called to the fact that the same set of officers in the operating and traffic departments have charge of the Eads bridge over the Mississippi river.

This is taken as proof that they are under the same management, although W. S. McChesney, president and general manager of the Terminal and general manager of the Eads bridge, says he is not general manager of the Merchants' bridge and refuses to say whether he performs the duties of the office.

It is expected that Maj. Casey will investigate the status of the officers of the bridges.

Special attention has been called to the fact that St. Louis civil engineer who, while working for the Terminal Association, was employed part of the time on the Merchants' bridge and part on the Eads bridge with apparently no distinction.

The chief engineer for the Terminal Association, who holds the same position with the Eads bridge, is engaged in the traffic and engineering departments and alterations made on it.

Mr. McChesney told the joint committee of the House and Senate that the Merchants' bridge had no manager, but he thought the question whether he performed the duties of the bridge was a legal one and on that ground declined to answer.

The traffic departments of the Eads and Merchants' bridges are combined in the department of the Terminal Association.

F. X. Roselli is joint agent of the Eads and Merchants' bridges.

Merchants' bridge are paid at the same companies as the Eads bridge.

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DEATHS.

BECHTOLD—On Monday, July 6, at 4:30 a. m. Sarah Bechtold, beloved wife of Henry Bechtold, ex-police officer, after a lingering illness; mother of George, Frank, and Edward Bechtold and Mrs. Frank (now Bechtold). Funeral from residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Moll, 3350 A. Cote Brilliant, avenue, on Wednesday, July 8, at 2:30 p. m., there to Belvedere cemetery. Friends are invited to attend. Philadelphia papers, please copy.

BICKER—On Sunday, July 6, at 5 o'clock a. m. Minnie P., beloved daughter of Frederick and Johanna Bicker (now Severson), at the age of 22 years.

Funeral will take place on Tuesday, July 7, at 2 p. m., from family residence, 2244 Warren st. Friends invited to attend.

BORNER—On Monday, July 6, at 7 a. m. Catherine Borner (now Frank), wife of Jacob Borner, aged 42 years.

Funeral will take place on Tuesday, July 7, at 2 p. m., from family residence, 2244 Warren st. Friends invited to attend.

DECEASED was a member of St. Ann's Society, St. Joseph's Church, St. Louis.

Friends are invited to attend.

GOLDBERGER—Entered into rest, July 6, 1903, at 8:45 a. m. George W. Goldberger, beloved husband of Florence Goldberger (now King), in his 42d year.

Funeral will take place Tuesday, July 7, at 2 p. m., from his residence, 1724 North Eleventh street, to St. Joseph's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

Decedent was a member of Corner Stone Lodge No. 322, A. F. & A. M.; Paragon Lodge No. 100, A. F. & A. M.; and Terminal Lodge No. 472, B. of. R. T.

GORDON—On Monday, July 6, 1903, at 8:45 a. m., Thomas Gordon, beloved son of Catherine and the late Michael Gordon, brother of Michael and Mamie Gordon, aged 35 years.

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HUDSON—On Sunday, July 6, 1903, at 5:25 p. m., William Hudson, beloved son of Louis Hudson, and son of Edward W. Gilhezier, and our dear brother, aged 21 years.

Funeral will take place Tuesday, July 7, at 2 p. m., from his residence, 3312 Park st. Friends invited to attend.

GROSEY—Entered into rest, July 6, 1903, at 8:45 a. m., Thomas Grosey, beloved son of George W. Grosey, and our dear brother, aged 21 years.

Funeral will take place Tuesday, July 7, at 2 p. m., from his residence, 2222 Main street, to St. Louis' Church, thence to Calvary cemetery.

Friends are invited to attend.

KELLEY—On Sunday, July 6, 1903, at 1 p. m., James Kelley, beloved son of Mary Kelley.

Funeral Tuesday, July 7, at 1:30 p. m., from residence, 1406 N. Twelfth street, to St. Louis' Church, thence to Calvary cemetery.

Decedent was a member of Bricklayers' Union No. 1.

LAVIN—Entered into rest on Sunday, July 6, 1903, at 10:45 o'clock a. m., Bernard Lavin, beloved son of Thomas and Anna Lavin (now Farrell), aged 3 months.

Funeral will take place from family residence, 1406 N. Twelfth street, on Tuesday, July 7, at 2 o'clock p. m., to Calvary cemetery.

Friends especially invited.

PACA—Entered into rest, Saturday, July 4, John Paca, beloved brother of Wesley B. Dorey, in the 64th year of his age.

Funeral will take place on Saturday, July 5, at 10 a. m., at St. O'Flaherty's, St. O'Flaherty's, and St. O'Flaherty's.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

MOYNIHAN—Entered into rest on Saturday, July 4, 1903, at 11:20 a. m., Mary Moyihan, relict of the late Timothy Moyihan, and mother of Humphrey J. Moyihan.

Funeral will take place from family residence, 1406 N. Twelfth street, on Tuesday, July 7, at 2 o'clock p. m., to Calvary cemetery.

Friends especially invited.

MINCHARD—On Monday morning, July 6, 1903, Son Minchard (now Jern) beloved son of John Minchard and our dear mother, mother-in-law, and sister, after a long illness, aged 65 years.

Funeral Wednesday, July 8, at 2 p. m., from family residence, 2845 Benton street, to St. Louis' Church, thence to Calvary cemetery.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

QUIRK—Entered into rest on Saturday, July 4, at 7:30 o'clock a. m., Margaret Quirk (now Coughlin), beloved wife of James Quirk and new mother, at 3000 N. Grand, to St. Francis' Church, thence to Calvary cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

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The reason of this is, no doubt, that the thousands of "coon" songs put out yearly are, as a rule, written by musicians who are not exactly Verdis or Wagmans; hence the range of their melodies is limited, and consequently ragtime music songs sound more or less alike, a fact which will bring a number of suits into court shortly.

A strain of five notes can be found in all of them, and let me say, and I am sure many, that the melodies are originally derived from ante-bellum folk songs used by the negroes of the South. Dvorak calls it the true American music, but probably he did not look back further than the southern negroes for its origin.

As a matter of fact, the old slaves born on the Congo sang tuneful, sweet snatches which sounded very much like these melodies in the canefields in the far South and on the cotton docks of New Orleans and levees of St. Louis, and its first evolution was "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de Ay," which made a very great stir, not alone in this, but in every country.

"Coon" Song's Life.

About Six Months.

The popularity of the present "coon" song lasts between six months and a year. The popularity of the "Ta-ra-ra" lasted for over five years and was then evolved into ragtime.

With all respect to the great composer who gave the world the negroes, having composed the American music, "Ta-ra-ra" 50 years ago was a song used by negro sailors at New Orleans when pulling at a rope, and it was not until 1901 that it was used for every one to give a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull after another, and a half hour's old song, like a song of the other end of the rope went up into the air in a jiffy. It was the "boom" emphasized that brought the negroes to the "Ta-ra-ra" and the "Marseillaise" from the naval bands.

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Difficulties That Befell the Jurist.

The coon song, however, is the fad and fancy of the hour, and trivial as it may seem, judges, lawyers and the lower courts have kept pace with its development, as the output of the past two weeks has been so prolific that suits and counter suits are threatened and counters of every description coming in town; and one of the funny things of our civilization is a learned judge studying the fad and fancy of the hour, and trying to get at the fact whether "Good Morning, Baby" is a infringement on "It's Up to You, Babe."

Besides, "It's Up to You, Babe" is known as rag or syncopated time, while the five others are in common time, and what is termed 2/4 time, all of which technically the judges may as well accept, right or wrong, ragtime hurricane is about breaking loose, and will be one of the novelties of the courts inside of a week.

CITY NEWS.

The great event of the midsummer is the clearing-up sale of the surplus stock of the ST. LOUIS STYLERS. Today is the beginning of the sale, and everybody and his wife should be there.

TOOK BOYS TO SEE THE SIGHTS.

Berry Did Not Return Them and His Wife Thinks He Will Not.

Mrs. Minnie Berry of 704 Gratiot street has asked the police to locate her two boys, John and Edward, aged 11 and 12 years, who were last seen stolen from St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum by her husband, from whom she has separated.

The husband lives at St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. Berry says Saturday afternoon father secured permission of the sisters at the asylum to take the boys out to see the sights, but he has not returned them, and she thinks he has taken them away.

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Sheriff Taft may live, but his condition is extremely critical.

"AVOID THAT ALUM TWANG by using MAMMA'S Baking Powder."

Girl Dragged by Car.

A low hanging bar under the fender of a Spring avenue car, caught in the clothing of Ella Putney, aged 16 years, when she was driving down and was over her head rolling under the wheels. Ella attempted to cross the street in front of her home just as the car came along. The mother man had no time to drop the fender. She was not seriously injured and was cared for at her home, 2028 North Spring avenue.

The Four-Track News for July, best yet, sold by newsdealers. Five cents a copy.

Suburban Mail Cars Off.

Two small cars formerly run on the Suburban street lines have been taken off and two additional cars placed on the lines. The new cars are to be put in charge met with the approval of the Suburban directors, but the patrons of the postoffice are complaining about the new service.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Baby's Skin never chafes when Harness Skin Cream is applied. It looks so good baby wants to eat it 25¢.

The Hanging Gardens.

"Did you ever hear of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

"Yes, I have," responded little Bobby.

"What were they?"

"To help people in Babylon."

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Finest qualities, \$2.00 to \$2.50. Mermad & Judd, Broadway and Locust.

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FRONT PRESIDENT VISITS ENGLAND

Loubet Arrives at Dover on the Man-of-War Guichen and Is cordially greeted.

DOVER, England, July 6.—President Loubet of France, on his way to visit King Edward of England, arrived here on the French man-of-war Guichen today.

Immense crowds of people lined the sea front, which presented a gallant appearance, the decoration being on a scale far in excess of anything previously attempted. As soon as the Guichen was sighted, the Sheerness flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers steamed out to meet her and escorted the French cruiser through a double line of British battleships and cruisers, extending two and a half miles and forming the most striking naval display ever seen in a year. All these vessels were dressed from stem to stern, and their crews manned ship and mingled their cheers with the roar of the British admirals' "Marseillaise" from the naval bands.

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